

"Be Me"
Black Alley

Activity Summary

Use one or several of the example questions below for pre-listening tasks for the song *Be Me*.

Associated Audio

Ask students the following questions. Use these examples as a basis for a group discussion on how English speakers often delete the -ing sound from the end of words and use connected speech.

1. Take a look at the following lines in the song:

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Just been trynna change somehow
Are you gon' stay or let it go

2. What do you notice about the words: climbin, trynna, gon'?
3. If you looked these words up in the dictionary, how would they be spelled?

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Listen to the audio for these three lines:
(audio of these 3 lines)

How are these words pronounced?

Listen again and practice the pronunciation.

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2. trynnachange
3. gonstay

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